

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District 14306 Park Avenue, Victorville, CA 92392 (760) 245-1661

## Media Event/Photo Opportunity

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## **Education Center to Showcase Air District's Solar Power System**

**EVENT:** The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) is

hosting the grand opening of its Clean Power Solar Education Center,

an interactive exhibit aimed at educating students and the

community about solar power, and the environmental benefits of alternate energy sources. The Center is co-sponsored by the City of Barstow, The Gas Company, High Desert Power Project and Inland

Energy, Inc.

The Center will also serve as a showcase for the MDAQMD's

new rooftop solar electric generation station, which

generates almost 50% of the electricity needed to power the District's offices, while sparing the environment of more than 163,000 pounds of

carbon dioxide emissions annually.

The MDAQMD is the first public agency in the High Desert to install and operate a net-metering photovoltaic power system to meet its

electrical needs.

DATE: Monday, September 27, 2004 - 11:00 AM

(Time approximate after Governing Board Meeting)

**LOCATION: MDAQMD Board Chambers** 

14306 Park Avenue (Cross Street: Civic Drive)

Victorville, CA 92392

SCHEDULED Paul Luellig, Governing Board Chair, MDAQMD, & Mayor Pro

PARTICIPANTS Tem, City of Barstow

Charles L. Fryxell, Air Pollution Control Officer, MDAQMD

**Buck Johns, President, Inland Energy** 

Tony Penna, Environmental Engineer, High Desert Power

**Plant/Constellation Energy** 

Robert Visconti, Public Affairs Manager, The Gas Company

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